(SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Minimum export prices fixed by MITCO for export of different categories of mica scrap of Bihar and Andhra/Rajasthan origin are as under:

Price in US$/MT
(FOB Indian Main Ports)

Grades of Mica Scrap

Origin	1/2" & up	3/4" & up	1" & up	Green cuttings	Factory
Bihar	498.13	548.13	598.13	—	548.13
Andhra/ Rajasthan	395.00	435.00	474.38	263.20	548.13

Over and above the prices indicated above; 15% premium is being charged for Crushed Mica Scrap.

(b) Export orders in hand with MITCO as on 29th February, 1992 for mica scrap are reported to be worth Rs. 2.34 crores.

Abolition of Posts of Controllers

1836. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as part of implementation of Mathew Committee report, Class-I posts of Controllers were abolished in 1969-70 in anticipation of the Constitution of Central Trade Service;

(b) whether it is a fact that the actual induction in the C.T.S. was done after ten years;

(c) whether this delayed induction has resulted in loss of Class I service which resulted in non-eligibility of certain officers to the posts equal in rank of Directors and Joint Secretaries; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken to condone the delay on the part of Government and granting one time relaxation to such officers in the interests of their career prospects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A study team headed by Shri H.C. Mathur had gone into the working of the Import and Export Trade Control Organisation and had recommended *inter alia* abolition of Class I posts of Controllers. The Committee also recommended creation of a regular Central Service to provide for the needs of the organisation. The Class I posts of Controllers were abolished in 1970. However, the interests of the incumbents of these posts were protected by grant of Class I status as personal to them.

The Central Trade Service was formally notified in August 1977 and the process of initial induction was completed in November, 1979.

(a) and (d) Since Class I status of the incumbents of posts of Controllers was protected the question of loss of Class I service does not arise.

Effect of Raids on Godowns of Rice exporters on exports

1837. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recently sealing of the godown of Rice Exporters by Delhi Administration has badly affected the rice export from the country; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to ensure that the export of such products are not affected by such action of the State Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The sealing of the godown of rice dealers by Delhi Administration and the suspension of business by the Delhi Grain Merchants' Association did have some adverse effect on the smooth flow of rice exports from the country as the market remained closed for a number of days.

(b) The matter was taken up with the Delhi Administration. The Delhi Administration has informed that subject to the satisfaction of legal requirements, the exporters have since been permitted to export rice under their possession.

Merger of Trade Development Authority and Trade Fair Authority

1838. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1030 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 1991 and state by when the merger of Trade Development Authority and Trade Fair Authority of India is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): The Trade